

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0007] on Page 2 by canceling the present language and substitute as follows:

[0007]       ~~This object is achieved by the features disclosed in claim 1. Advantageous or expedient further embodiments of the invention are the subject matter of claims 2 to 19 and are described in more detail in the detailed description of the examples of embodiments below.~~

[0007]       According to the present invention, there is provided a hydraulic actuating device for an automotive friction clutch, with a master cylinder having a master piston, which can be impinged upon with a master force ( $F_G$ ) via an actuating mechanism and can be displaced by a master travel ( $s_G$ ) as master variables, and a slave cylinder with a slave piston which is hydraulically connected in series to the master piston via a liquid column, which is functionally linked with a clutch-release member of the automotive friction clutch, wherein an adjusting unit comprises an adjusting piston hydraulically connected with the master piston by one out of being connected in series and parallel thereto, which can be impinged upon with a force and displaced via a transmission that is driven by an electric motor and a control unit, which can control the electric motor subject to one of the master variables ( $F_G$ ,  $s_G$ ) and a variable ( $p_G$ ) substantially proportional thereto, in order in the case of the connection in series of the master piston and the adjusting piston specifically to increase the force acting on the liquid column by impinging the adjusting piston with a force and in the